LENKA): (a) and (b). Sir, Research work done in Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology through ICAR supported co-ordinated crop improvement projects has resulted in the release of following improved varieties of crops suited to upland and medium lands of Orissa:

Crops	*Varieties/Hybrids*
Upland rice	Subhadra, Dr-83-1, Parijat, Sattari.
Fingermillet	PR-717, JNR-1008, Neelachal, Diby asingha
Greengram	K-851, Jyoth, Sujata
Blackgram Pigeonpea	T-9, UPU-1, Sarala Mukta, T-21, UPAS- 120
Sesamum	Vinayak, Kanak, Kalika
Horsegram	DS 1-2, DS 2-2, Ds 2-1, URM-13
Cowpea	C-170, C-120, FS-68
Groundnut	AK 12-24 Kisan, TG-9, Phule Pragati (JL- 24)
Maize	A 51-54, Jawahar, Vijaya
Miger	Phulbani local, Ootacamund No.5

(c) The Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology Centre at Bhubaneshwar has been one of the co-operating centres under the All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Dry land Agriculture since 1970-71. In this project 75% of the financial support is being provided by ICAR. Technical assistance is being provided by the co-ordinating cell of the project and Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture. Field staff from departments of agriculture of state including Orissa are given training in improved dryland agriculture and watershed management form time to time at the Trainers Training Centre attached to Central Research Institute on Dryland Agriculture.

Indo-soviet Oil Barter Deal

4544. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Soviet Union propose to convert the Indo-Soviet Oil barter deal into a hard currency deal; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. No such proposal has been received.

(b) Does not arise.